Rail net-work in the country

*112. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total route kilometre of Rail network at the time of Independence in the country and in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the latest figures thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal for laying of new rail lines in Andhra Pradesh during 1992-93; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Data is maintained at the end of each financial year. As on 31st March, 1948 route length of Railways in India, both Government managed and others, was 54,693 kilometres. Route kilometrage of Andhra Pradesh at the time of Independence is not available as the state was not formed then.

(b) Route kilometrage as on 31-03-1991 on Indian Railways was 62,367 Kms. and in Andhra Pradesh 5,023 Kms.

(c) and (d) During 1992-93, the new line project for Telapur-Patancheru (9.35 Km.) is targetted for completion.

Establishment of medical and health facilities by Japan

*113. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various proposals offered by the Japanese Government to extend medical and health facilities in the country; and

(b) what are the locations selected by Government for establishment of such institutes or facilities?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) The proposal seeking assistance of the Japanese Government are made by the Government of India and then finalised after mutual discussion.

The Government of Japan have supplied diagnostic equipment for the cancer programme from 1985-86 to 1990-91 by way of grant (approximately valued at Rs. 30 crores) to the following institutes:—

1. Cancer Institute, Madras.
2. Institute of Rotary Cancer Hospital, New Delhi.
3. Post-graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh.
4. K. G. Medical Colege, Lucknow.
5. S. M. S. Hospital, Jaipur.
6. Cancer Hospital & Research Institute, Gwalior.
7. M. N. J. Cancer Hospital & Radium Institute, Hyderabad.
8. S. M. H. S. Hospital, Srinagar.
9. Kamla Nehru Memorial Hospital Allahabad.
10. Medical College & Hospital, Rohtak.
11. Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum.
12. Regional Cancer Research & Treatment Society, Cuttack.
13. Medical College & Hospital, Nagpur.
14. Dr. B. Barooah Cancer Institute, Guwahati.
15. Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.

The Government of Japan have also provided technical cooperation and medical equipment by way of grant approximately valued at Rs. 34.63 crores for the Sanjay Gandhi Post

graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow from 1986-87 onwards.

Assistance by way of a soft loan of Rs. 37.17 crores has also been extended for the establishment of the National Institute of Biologicals, NOIDA (U.P.) starting from the VIIIth Five Year Plan.

Allocation for road development

*114. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for road development during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the projected estimates of expenditure on roads during the above period;

(c) the manner in which the expected gap, if any, is proposed to be met by Government;

(d) whether Government propose to involve private sector alongwith the public sector in road development; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A requirement of Rs. 7,830 crores was projected to the Planning Commission for Central sector roads programme in the 8th Plan. However, an outlay of Rs. 2,600 crores has been agreed to.

(c) to (e) In order to bridge the gap to the extent possible between the projected requirement and funds in the Plan, it is proposed to facilitate participation of the private sector in the maintenance and development of National Highways. One of the prerequisite for this is an amendment of the National Highway Act, 1956 to enable levy of fee on selected sections of National Highways. A bill for amending the N. H. Act was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 27th February, 1992.

Railway terminal at Kurla in Bombay

*115. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Railway terminal has been set up at Kurla in Bombay from where numerous long distance trains originate and terminate;

(b) if so, the number of new trains which originate/terminate from this terminal;

(c) whether it is a fact that the facilities at this terminal are inadequate to meet the demands of the commuters; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to increase the facilities at this terminal and make the terminal more accessible to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Only five pairs of trains originate/terminate from Kurla Terminal.

(c) and (d) Kurla terminal, which is meant for long distance trains, has been partially commissioned providing basic facilities for the trains dealt here at present. Some more facilities of permanent nature have not been provided as sites for these structures are falling within the disputed land. This is a part of the master plan of a major terminal with support infrastructure. However, the progress of the work has been affected by dispute over land and a related court order.

Expansion Plans for Bharat Petroleum

*116. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. proposes